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March 28, 2008

**BY HAND**

The Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
United States Courthouse  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, New York 10007

Re: United States v. Rafael Rivera,  
07 Cr. 1222 (LAP)

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LORETTA A. PRESKA  
U. S. DISTRICT JUDGE  
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Dear Judge Preska:

(1) I write to confirm the adjournment of the pretrial conference in the above reference matter to June 2, 2008 at 10am.

(2) The Government also requests that the Court exclude time from today until June 2, 2008 pursuant to the Speedy Trial Act. The Government submits that such exclusion is warranted pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 8161(h)(8)(A). Specifically, the ends of justice outweigh the best interest of the public and the defendants in a speedy trial because the exclusion affords the parties continued time to continue their discussion and work towards pre-trial disposition of this matter, thus helping ensure the effective assistance of counsel. Anne Cantor, counsel for the defendant, consents to this request.

SO ORDERED

*Loretta A. Preska*  
LORETTA A. PRESKA  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

*April 2, 2008*

Respectfully submitted,

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